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Applicant: Frank W. Ahern

Art Unit: 2181

Serial No.: 09/933,347

Examiner: unknown

Filed: May 20, 2000

Docket No.: 101950.00027

For: SYSTEM ENABLING DEVICE COMMUNICATION IN AN
EXPANDED COMPUTING DEVICE

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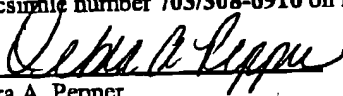
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**PETITION TO VOID SERIAL NUMBER 09/819,053 ASSIGNED TO APPLICATION
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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1. 09/819,053; and
2. 09/933,347.

This Petition is being filed to request the voidance of Serial No. 09/819,053. In a Decision Granting Petition mailed June 7, 2001, Serial No. 09/819,053 was assigned to this application. A Filing Receipt for this serial number was mailed by the Office on November 7, 2001. A Filing Receipt for Serial No. 09/933,347 was mailed by the Office on December 18, 2001. Since there are presently two serial numbers assigned to the same application, it is requested that Serial No. 09/819,053 be voided and that prosecution be continued under Serial No. 09/933,347. Copies of the following documents are attached hereto which provides additional information:

- A. Copy of Decision Granting Petition mailed June 7, 2001;

- B. Copy of Filing Receipt for Serial No. 09/819,053; and
- C. Copy of Filing Receipt for Serial No. 09/933,347.

In addition, receipt of a filing fee in the amount of 372.00 was acknowledged by the Office in the above mentioned Decision Granting Petition and a copy of the canceled check is attached hereto. Furthermore, a filing fee of \$372.00 was deducted from Jackson Walker Deposit Account No. 10-0096 in connection with Serial No. 09/933,347. A copy of the Deposit Account Statement dated December 31, 2001 is attached hereto showing that payment.

Since the filing fee was paid twice for the same application, it is requested that a refund in the amount of \$372.00 be issued in the form of a check payable to Jackson Walker L.L.P. to be mailed to the following address:

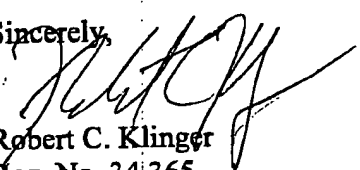
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Should further information be required in order to grant this petition, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. Please charge any petition fee required by this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-1752 (Jackson Walker L.L.P.).

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In re Application of
 Frank W. Ahern
 Application No. 09/130,058
 Filed: August 6, 1998
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DECISION GRANTING PETITION

In re Application of
 Frank W. Ahern
 Application No. 09/819,053
 Filed: May 20, 2000
 Attorney Docket No. 101950.00027

This is a decision on the petition filed February 20, 2001, requesting that an application of FRANK W. AHERN entitled "SYSTEM ENABLING DEVICE COMMUNICATION IN AN EXPANDED COMPUTING DEVICE" (attorney docket No. 101950.00027) improperly filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d) be accorded a filing date of May 20, 2000 under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Petitioner alleges that original application papers were filed in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on May 20, 2000. In support, petitioner has supplied a copy of his postcard receipt followed by a copy of the original application papers as shown by counsel's file. The postcard receipt acknowledges the filing on May 20, 2000 of:

1. CPA Application
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney
3. Filing Fee; and
4. Postcard

The papers identified on the postcard receipt cannot be located in the PTO. However, PTO finance records do confirm receipt of CPA filing fees being paid on May 20, 2000 in Application No. 09/130,058.

On May 25, 2001, petitioner filed a copy of a request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of prior application No. 09/130,058, a declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 and a copy of the original specification and drawings from the prior application purportedly filed on May 20, 2000.

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The present petition is being construed as a positive affirmation by the registered practitioner that the papers filed in the PTO on May 25, 2001, are true copies of the original application papers shown by counsel's file to have been filed in the PTO on May 20, 2000. Applicants should notify this office if the original papers are subsequently discovered in the PTO so that the present duplicate file can be merged with the original papers and any duplicate filing fee refunded.

Petitioner now indicate that the application was inadvertently filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d) and requests that the request for a CPA be treated as an application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), and accorded a filing date of May 20, 2000. It is noted that application No. 09/130,058 issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,070,214 on May 30, 2000, as a result of the payment of the issue fee on April 7, 2000.

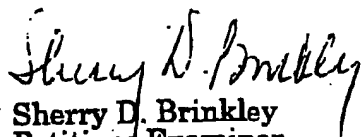
The petition is GRANTED.

The copy of the request for a CPA application, including the accompanying papers filed May 25, 2001, and the petition filed February 20, 2001, have been assigned application No. 09/819,053. All future correspondence concerning the continuing application filed May 20, 2000 should be directed to application No. 09/819,053. One of the CPA filing fees paid in application No. 09/130,058 on May 20, 2000, will be reapplied to application No. 09/819,053.

Thereafter, application No. 09/130,058 will be returned to the Files Repository.

Application No. 09/819,053 is being forwarded to Initial Patent Examination Division for further processing, with a filing date of May 20, 2000, as an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), not a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), using the application papers supplied on May 25, 2001.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220. Telephone inquiries related to OIPE processing should be directed to their hotline at (703) 308-1202.



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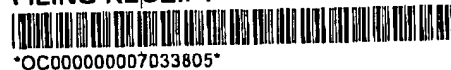
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